

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiya OHTOMO & Hiroto HORIKAWA

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Application No.: New Divisional Application of U.S. Examiner: Not yet assigned
Application Serial No. 09/139,296

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Docket No.: 101809.03

For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS
USING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 18, line 22, change "4" to --1--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 11, 13, 14, 16-19 and 21-23 as follows:

11. (Amended) A scanning exposure apparatus which moves a mask with respect to a projection optical system while illuminating said mask on which a transfer pattern is formed and synchronously moves a photosensitive substrate with respect to said projection

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